

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Original): A bidirectional slide lock comprising:
an elongated first clip having a first longitudinal axis, a first pawl, a second pawl, and a pair of first clip flanges;
an elongated second clip having a second longitudinal axis, a first pawl stop, a second pawl stop, and a pair of second clip flanges;
the first and second clip flanges retentively engaging one another to hold the first and second clips together to prevent movement away from one another;
the first and second pawls retentively engaging the first and second pawl stops, respectively to hold the first and second clips against longitudinal movement relative to one another along the first and second longitudinal axes; and
first and second springs biasing the first and second pawls, respectively toward the second clip so as to retain the first and second pawls in retentive engagement with the first and second pawl stops, respectively.

Claim 2 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 1 further comprising a first screw and a first hole within the first clip to receive the first screw.

Claim 3 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 2 further comprising a door surface adapted to receive the first screw.

Claim 4 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 3 further comprising a leg adapted to extend into the door surface.

Claim 5 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 4 wherein the leg is attached to the first clip.

Claim 6 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 1 further comprising a second screw and a second hole within the second clip to receive the second screw.

Claim 7 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 6 further comprising a handle surface adapted to receive the second screw.

Claim 8 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 1 wherein each of the first clip flange is an inwardly curved arc.

Claim 9 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 8 wherein the second clip flange has a lip that engages the inwardly curved arc.

Claim 10 (Original): A bidirectional slide lock for attaching first and second members together comprising:

an elongated first clip having a first longitudinal axis and being attached to the first member, the first clip having a pair of first clip flanges and a pair of pawls, the pair of pawls each having a pawl end, the pawl ends of the pair of pawls facing in opposite directions away from one another;

an elongated second clip having a second longitudinal axis and being attached to the second member, the second clip having a pair of second clip flanges and a pair of pawl stops, each of the pair of pawl stops facing in opposite directions toward one another;

the first clip flanges and the second clip flanges retentively engaging one another to hold the first clip against movement away from the second clip; and

each of the pawl ends of the pair of pawls retentively engaging one of the pair of pawl stops so as to prevent longitudinal movement of the first and second clips relative to one another along the first and second longitudinal axes, whereby the first and second clips hold the first and second members together against movement relative to one another.

Claim 11 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock according to claim 10 wherein the pair of pawls are each biased toward the second clip by a spring.

Claim 12 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock according to claim 11 wherein the spring biasing each of the pair of pawls comprises a spring arm on which each of the pawls is mounted.

Claim 13 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock according to claim 10 wherein the second clip comprises an elongated strip having a pair of spaced apart holes therein, and the pair of pawl stops each comprises an edge of one of the spaced apart holes.

Claim 14 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 10 further comprising a leg upon the first clip adapted to extend into the door surface.

Claim 15 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 14 wherein first clip is attached to the door surface by a screw.

Claim 16 (Original): The bidirectional slide lock of claim 15 wherein the first clip is attached to the door surface without the use of a receiving clip.

Claims 17-18 (Cancelled).